

ADDVENTURE IN LEARNING

Registered Charity Number 1124953

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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Report of the Trustees - year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report together with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Charity Registration Number: 1124953

The trustees who served during the year were: -

Mrs Janet Whapples
Mr Paul Cripwell
Ms Mary Goodlad
Ms Judy James

Mrs Roslyn Oliver
Mrs Isobell Phillips
Mrs Barbara Rickitt
Mr David Killick

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Administrator

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Governing Instrument

The Charity is governed by a Declaration of Trust dated 9 April 2008, as amended by the Constitution adopted at the AGM in May 2015 and subsequently amended by AGMs in August 2017, October 2021, and November 2023.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) - year ended 31 December 2023

Aim and Object of the Charity

The object of the charity is to make advancement of education for adults with a visual impairment in particular, but not exclusively by:

- Developing, delivering, and evaluating accessible learning opportunities.
- Developing resources

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The focus of our activities remains in providing courses and outings to the visually impaired person which would give access to lifelong learning. Any surplus funds which are not likely to be needed to pay for activities are placed on deposits to earn interest.

Accounting Policies

The Accounting Policies adopted by the trustees are detailed in Note 1 to the Financial Statements.

Chairman's Report on the year's activities

During the year, the trustees have continued to promote the objectives of the charity and secured a further £31,131(2022 £25,208) in course fees and donations. At our AGM in August 2018, we took the decision to continue to waive the membership fee for the forthcoming year and we will keep this decision under review for the future.

In 2023 we were delighted to be able to hold three courses during the year (2022 three courses), that gave access to lifelong learning to visually impaired members.

Expenditure on courses during 2023 amounted to £26,544 (2022 £28,350). The courses took place in Torquay, Leicester and Cirencester. These courses included visits to museums, art galleries, exhibitions, and places of worship, as well as guided touch tours and talks and lectures by experts on related subjects.

Reserves Policy

The trustees wish to maintain a programme of course fees and donations to serve its members. No significant overheads are incurred at present, but it is envisaged that some additional administration costs may be incurred in the future. Excluding any committed unrestricted funds, the trustees believe that a minimum reserve of £10,000 is sufficient to mitigate expenses and contingencies at present, and the trustees are therefore comfortable with the current reserves.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) - year ended 31 December 2023

Income and Expenditure

The main source of funds has been payments received for courses which took place in 2023. Expenses were incurred by the issue of a quarterly newsletter, administration, and website costs.

Administration and Accounts

The trustees hold regular meetings during the year at which details of courses and costs are reviewed. Management reports summarising the current financial position are also prepared, allowing the trustees to ascertain the level of funds available for courses.

The trustees are required to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the results of that Charity for that period.

In preparing those financial Statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the Financial Statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on

and signed on its behalf by:

Mr David Killick

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ADVENTURE IN LEARNING

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Alan James Bevan
19a Fulmer Drive
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SL9 7HH

signed A.J. Bevan FCA

Date

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
Year ended 31 December 2023

	Income fund 2023 £	Income Fund 2022 £
RECEIPTS		
Income		
Course Fees	31,131	23,183
Membership Fees	-	-
Donations	-	2,025
Gift Aid Receipts	-	-
	<hr/> 31,131	<hr/> 25,208
Other Receipts		
Bank Interest	292	10
	<hr/> 31,423	<hr/> 25,218
Total Receipts		
PAYMENTS		
Payments for Generating Funds		
Course Fees (2)	1,806	1,652
Coach Transport (2)	2,980	1,014
Board, Lodgings and Meals (2)	21,758	25,684
	<hr/> 26,544	<hr/> 28,350
Management and Administration Costs		
Management and Administration (3)	591	450
	<hr/> 27,135	<hr/> 28,800
Total Payments		
Net Receipts / Payments	4,288	(3,582)
Cash Funds at 1 January 2023	29,863	33,445
Cash Funds at 31 December 2023	<hr/> 34,151	<hr/> 29,863

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
At 31 December 2023

	Income Fund 2023 £	Income Fund 2022 £
Cash Funds		
Treasurer's Account	15,675	11,678
Deposit Account	18,476	18,185
Total	<u>34,151</u>	<u>29,863</u>

Mr David Killick

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2023

(1) Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice 2005 'Accounting and reporting by charities'.

(2) Course receipts and payments

	2024 Courses	A Christie Course	Leicester Course	Circencester Course	2022 Courses	2023 Total	2022 Total
Receipts	836	10,930	10,670	8,695	-	31,131	23,183
Payments	-	9,545	8,988	8,011	-	26,544	28,350
	836	1,385	1,682	684	-	4,587	(5,167)

(3) Management and Administration Expenses

	2023 £
Newsletter	-
Website	300
Insurance	187
Sundry	104
TOTAL	<u>591</u>